



**Request for Applications:
OCTRI Team Science: Advancing Transdisciplinary Microbiome Research**

Key Dates:

RFA Release Date	March 16, 2019
Full Application	April 30, 2019
Notice of Award	May 20, 2019
Project Period	July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020
Awardee Progress Report	December 1, 2019 and upon completion

Program Overview:

The Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute (OCTRI) is now accepting applications for projects that incorporate team science methods to facilitate transdisciplinary, multi-institutional collaborations on projects investigating the microbiome of organisms, the environment, or interactions between the two.

OCTRI commits to awarding four teams up to \$5,000 towards project proposals; *budgets in excess of \$5,000 must be explicitly supported by an institutional/departmental fiscal authority with a letter included at the time of application.* As projects with larger budgets will likely encompass a larger scope, the impact of these projects may be viewed more favorably than those without cost-sharing/matching funds. Projects may be an extension of other work, but cannot overlap with any funded project or be used as bridge support for projects for which funding has lapsed.

Successful applications will build or enhance existing inter-institutional teams and collaborations in the field of microbiome research by bringing a diverse team together to generate ideas or data to support the writing and submission of state-of-the-field concept pieces/reviews with the goals of facilitating team building and increasing external fundability due to evidence of joint publication.

This funding mechanism can also be utilized to support inter-institutional microbiome research projects to get “over the last hurdle” in an already well-developed study process (e.g. in response to grant reviewers or manuscript reviewers) but for which there are no other funds available.

This funding mechanism is open to all OHSU faculty who meet OHSU eligibility requirements. Project teams must include at least one investigator from OHSU, and at least one investigator at another institution, priority will be given to applications with at least one investigator from OCTRI Partner Institutions (PSU, UO, OSU, VA, PNNL, or OCHIN). Applications will not be considered if project teams include solely OHSU investigators. Priority will be given to proposals including investigators from two or more disciplines (e.g. clinical, population and basic science).

This funding is made available through NIH grant support via the CTSA mechanism.

FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH AND/OR LIVE VERTEBRATE ANIMAL STUDIES: In addition to IRB/IACUC approval, the National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS) must approve human subjects research and/or live vertebrate animal projects before any funding can be released. Applicants are strongly urged to complete the required components of the NCATS submission(s) during the application phase to reduce the time to funding. Please contact Bridget Adams, OCTRI Regulatory Knowledge and Support Manager, for a list of the required elements and assistance: adamsb@ohsu.edu; 503-494-5077.

Application & Submission Instructions

Fill out the online application and upload all required documents via REDCap: [apply here](#)

Please direct all questions to Erica Shaw (503-494-1655; shawer@ohsu.edu).

Overview of Application Components

- **Fillable REDCap fields** (see online form for a complete list of fields)
 - Principal Investigator information. Information and description for investigators from partner institutions.
 - IRB and IACUC declarations
 - Project description (2 pages max)
 - The critical need for small amounts of funding should be apparent. Please provide a clear and concise description of activities that you propose to be supported by this funding mechanism. Highlight the role of each team member, why this inter-institutional collaboration makes sense and how this collaboration will enhance microbiome research. Describe what you intend to do with this award and outcomes that may develop from this work. Please be specific about expected outcomes: will you write a white paper? An article? Which journal will you target? Will this funding allow you to perform experiments to respond to manuscript/grant reviewers? If so, please include journal name and/or grant mechanism.
 - Please include an itemized budget for each collaborating institution.
 - Please include description of any institutional/departmental financial commitment for cost-sharing/matching funds with an appropriate letter of support.
Please note: distribution of funds to non-OHSU entities will include institutional F&A rates in the budget requested.

Projects may be an extension of other work, but cannot overlap with any funded project or be used as bridge support for projects for which funding has lapsed. Otherwise awarded funds may NOT be comingled with the specific aims of this proposal.

POST-AWARD PROCESSES

All award recipients will be required to submit progress reports using guidelines that will be provided at a later date.

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